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LOCAL NEWS.

THURSDAY, DEC. 10, 1896.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Announcement to Merchants.

To the Merchants of Eastern North Carolina:

We announce that we are now ready to fill your orders for mattresses, having a large stock on hand, and all made in the latest Boston shape. We are the largest manufacturers in the State, and do claim to give you the best Double Cotton Top Mattress, in fancy and plain blue ticking, ever offered before. We have special freight arrangements to all points. Orders filled the day they are received. Order early, as they will be higher.

Very truly,
Halifax, N. C. HALE BROS.

Christmas Goods.

We invite the public attention to our superb line of Christmas goods. Nothing even approaching our stock in these goods has ever been seen in Scotland Neck before. The prettiest things and the most of them can be found at our store ever seen in the town before; and it will take less money than ever before to buy them also.

If you have much money to spend you can save a good per cent. on it by purchasing from us, and if you have only a little to spend you can get more useful and pretty things for it with us than anywhere else.

E. T. WHITEHEAD & Co.

I have a Christmas supply of Raisins, Fruits and Citron. Seedless Raisins 15c. per pound. Other Raisins 10c.

N. B. JOSEY.

Horses and Mules.

I shall have a car load of young horses and mules in Scotland Neck by Dec. 23rd, and will sell them at prices to suit the times. Bargains for all who wish to purchase.

J. R. TILLEY.

For Sale.

500/000 cabbage plants from Peter Henderson's and George Tate & Sons' seeds—best and earliest varieties.

N. B. JOSEY.

Situation Wanted.

Situation wanted as salesman or book-keeper. Ten years experience as salesman and three years as book-keeper.

D. P. HASKITT.

Horses! Horses!!

We have just received a new lot of horses. Come early and get your pick.

MORRISSETT & SON.

Land Posted.

I hereby give notice that my land known as the William Black land, bounded by the lands of J. G. Shields, J. P. Ware and White's mill pond, is posted, and all persons are forbidden to hunt with dog or gun, or otherwise trespass on the same under penalty of law.

R. G. DENNIS.

Sweet Home-Made Flour.

I have a quantity of flour from home made wheat for sale. Made by the roller mills of Dr. R. D. Flemming of Warren.

F. P. SHIELDS.

Good Home For Rent.

The Miss Pattie McDowell property in Greenwood on which Mrs. Rastbery now lives. Good house and garden. All in good repair. Six acres of land adjacent which will be rented with the house and garden, or separately. Also a small two-room house on corner of lot which may be rented separately from the other property.

Apply to editor of THE COMMONWEALTH.

Notice.

Owing to the condition of my health and my inability to attend to my business matters, I have placed my notes, accounts, and other business matters in the hands of Mr. W. A. Dunn. I will be glad if all of those who have unsettled matters with me will call on him immediately.

Nov. 17, '96. NOAH BIGGS.

Bargains at Grady's.

When you go to Halifax call on L. G. Grady for anything you need in jewelry or repairing of watches and clocks. Also you can get the best bargains in Millinery there.

Cotton Seed Wanted.

I will pay highest cash prices for 15,000 Bushels of Cotton Seed. Also I have meat and hams for sale cheap.

R. J. MADRY.

Full line of Warner's Corsets.

N. B. JOSEY.

Special Inducements offered on Dress Goods.

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THE SOCIAL SWIM.

Coming and Going Every Week.

Mr. Fred Gray of Norfolk spent a few days in town last week.

Miss Louise Lawrence was called home to Williamston last week by the illness of her grand mother, Mrs. Biggs.

Mr. B. G. Medford of Rocky Mount was here last week on a visit to his brother Stuart Medford.

Mr. and Mrs. Blake of Tillery spent Sunday in town, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Dunn.

Rev. J. A. McKaughan who has been living in Enfield for more than a year, has moved to Halifax.

Mr. W. D. Legget of Tarboro was here this week on a visit to his home folks.

Mrs. P. J. Madry returned yesterday from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. J. E. Dullock of Coneto.

THE COMMONWEALTH inadvertently failed to note last week that Mr. C. T. Munford and wife of Greenville spent Thanksgiving with his sister, Mrs. A. V. Johnson. Mr. Zeb Johnson also came up that day to see his mother and sisters.

Special Board Meeting.

The old Board of county commissioners met in special session, and their last meeting, Thursday Dec. 3rd. All the members were present. The following accounts were allowed:

C W Dunn, serving notices	11 40
R H Gray, registering names	5 45
W E Whitmore, lunatic to asylum	21 50
G H Johnson, registering names	5 45
N F Minshew, rafting from bridge	5 00
E L Travis, salary county att'y	50 00
B I Allbrook, county fence	5 65
N M Lockhart, copying records	519 49
Emy & Co., goods	22 20
J D Wood, repairing bridges	55 00
J Frank Brinkley, record orders	24 20
J B Fitzgerald, conveying pris.	2 00
W B Tillery, goods for county	18 20
T H Harrison, coffins for paupers	6 00
Weldon Corn Mill, for meal	36 16
Dr. I E Green, supt county health	750 00
S M Gary, recording papers	50 50
W R Shaw, work court house	7 05
S J Clark, serving notices, etc	183 30
R G Reid, jail account for Nov	132 00
Appropriation to Scotland Neck Riflemen	300 00
R W Brown, serving as com.	5 50
E W Hyman, " "	6 00
R B Britt, " "	5 20
M H Clark, " "	4 00
W C Daniel, " "	4 65
J Frank Brinkley, clerk service	4 00
Jno W Brown, goods for county	18 13
W R Shaw, work court house	7 05
J Frank Brinkley, abstracts, etc	8 00
F W Gregory, building bridge	5 00

Murdered His Wife.

A colored man named Riddick Branch shot and killed his wife near Enfield a few days ago and is on trial in the Criminal Court in Halifax this week. Capt. W. H. Day appears for the prisoner. He was arraigned before the Court Tuesday, but the day of trial was not set.

Appointments.

Following is a list of appointments for Roanoke circuit of the M. P. Church:

Second Sunday in December, 1896—Whitaker's chapel.

Third Sunday—Bradford's.

Fourth Sunday, morning and evening—Enfield.

First Sunday in January, 1897—Rosenath.

These are the standing appointments for 1897.

J. L. MECHAM, Pastor.

WEDDING BELLS AT BRINKLEYVILLE.

BRINKLEYVILLE, N. C., Dec. 4, '96. The many friends of Mr. S. S. Norman will be rejoiced to know that he has returned from Baltimore (where he has been for several weeks under the treatment of Dr. Chisolm) greatly improved.

On the 24th of Nov. at the residence of Mrs. Maggie Hull, Mr. Richard Smith, of Venn, and Miss Annie Lewis were married. Rev. A. G. Wilcox performing the ceremony.

The marriage bells are ringing merrily in our town. Two of our most worthy young men were married on 2nd inst. Mr. Walter G. Matthews and Miss Mamie Saunders were married at Turkey Branch church in the presence of a large crowd. Rev. A. G. Wilcox officiating; and Mr. Joseph Hunter and Miss Mattie Davis of Arcola, Rev. Mr. Davis solemnizing the rite.

Rev. W. D. Powell, who for two years has been preaching on Halifax circuit, has given up the work to go to school. He has greatly endeared himself to the people generally, and they will follow him with their best wishes and prayers. He will be followed by Rev. Mr. Williams, who preached his first sermon last Sunday night.

We are in the midst of the heaviest snow for years.

Our Catalogue.

We give only a partial list of the many pretty and useful new articles which we have placed in stock for our customers. Here are some of them:

Handsome Pictures and Picture Frames, the largest and best assortment of Toys ever seen here, Fire-works in abundance, New and Standard Books, Fine lot of Bibles, Beautiful Albums, Handson Dressing Cases, Music Racks, Essels, Handson Mirrors, a large lot of very Pretty Vases, Cups and Saucers in pairs, Beautiful Writing Desks, Ladies' Work Boxes, Shaving Cases, Whisk Holders and Brushes, Backgammon Boards, &c., &c.

E. T. WHITEHEAD & Co.

FOR THE MILITARY.

POPULAR AND LUCKY BOYS.

An Elaborate Oyster Supper.

On last Friday night at Hotel Lawrence the ladies of the town gave an oyster supper for the benefit of the Scotland Neck Riflemen.

Much preparation had been made and there was a good crowd present. But for the deep snow there would have been a much larger crowd; but there were fun and merriment galore for the young people, and a pleasant evening it was for all.

After the supper was over a contest was entered into that interested the young men and some of the married ones also. A fine fruit cake was to be awarded to the lady who should receive the largest number of votes as being the most beautiful and popular lady of the town.

On the first ballot quite a number of ladies, both married and single, received a flattering vote; but the contest was narrowed down at the result of every ballot, and on the last ballot Miss Annie Kitchin received the largest vote and was declared the successful "candidate." The number of votes cast was 450, and they sold at 10 cents each.

The gross receipts of the supper amounted to about \$115. The Riflemen who have recently re-organized, are largely indebted to the ladies of the town for this handsome addition to the fund with which to equip the company.

The old Board of the county commissioners at the final meeting last week gracefully appropriated \$300 to the company, which the members appreciated very much. The commissioners of Scotland Neck have appropriated to the company from the town treasury \$100; there has been a liberal private subscription taken in the town, and the company is getting into good shape for thorough organization. It will be one of the best military companies in the State. The list numbers about sixty.

And What Else?

Well, we can't mention all our new and pretty Christmas goods, but we call special attention to our fine line of Beautiful Wedding Presents of various kinds, Fine Lamps, Manacles, Fine Chinaware, and a thousand other pretty and useful things which our customers must see to appreciate. In truth, we have the finest display of Christmas goods ever shown here, and we have put them down at such prices as will sell them.

E. T. WHITEHEAD & Co.

The County Commissioners.

The old Board of the county commissioners held their last meeting last Thursday and Friday, and Monday the new Board, consisting of A. A. White, T. N. Harrison and C. P. Anthony, commissioners elect, and J. P. Futrell and J. H. Norman, by appointment of Judge Bryan, assumed control. Clerk S. M. Gary qualified Messrs. Futrell and Norman at his desk in the court room, and qualified the members of the Board elect when they came together as a body.

A. A. White put in nomination for chairman T. N. Harrison, who received the entire vote of the Board. J. P. Futrell nominated E. L. Travis for county attorney and A. A. White nominated E. T. Clark. Mr. Clark was elected.

The question of salary of the county attorney came up and the motion to pay the attorney \$250 was lost, Messrs. Futrell and Norman voting against it, and it taking four votes of the five commissioners to pass upon matters financial.

The following newly elected county officers presented their bonds:

Me. M. Furgerson as Register of Deeds, J. T. Dawson as Sheriff, G. A. Branch as Coroner, W. E. Bowers as treasurer of the county.

The following accounts were allowed:

A A Hux, beef county home	7 06
W W Rosser, serving notices	2 40
Harrell's Printing House,	2 38
S Mitchell, lumber	4 59
K E Kilpatrick, serving notices	7 20
W T Shields, serving notices	12 60
B F Gary, holding inquest	27 00
W F Pittman, registering names	1 77
W M Gray, " "	1 77
Turner Dixon, " "	1 77
D C Fenner A P Robinson and Geo Shearin, registering names	11 94
C R Reid, goods for county	85
J A Greene, prisoner to jail	2 50
J F Brinkley, annual account	29 70
W M Cohen, goods for county	23 30
P N Stainback, " "	28 13
A A Hux, J C Butts, and Lewis Williams, registering names	3 18
J L Marshall, conveying prisoner	1 50
W E Bowers, for bridge	7 20
J P Merritt, registering names	2 13
J Frank Brinkley, clerk	2 00

TUESDAY, 8TH.

Register of Deeds Furgerson's bond was accepted.

George Branch's bond as Coroner was accepted.

W. E. Bowers was given thirty days to complete his bond.

R. B. Britt as tax collector of Enfield township paid taxes collected for 1895 \$47.90.

J. T. Dawson's bond as sheriff was accepted.

CRIMINAL COURT.

MANY CASES ON THE DOCKET.

County Jail Full of Prisoners.

Criminal court is in session in Halifax this week with Judge O. P. Meares of Wilmington on the bench. There are many cases before the court—ninety-eight cases on the docket when court opened. The jail was full of prisoners and there was a larger court attendance than has been seen in Halifax for some time.

Following are the grand jury: J. R. Weeks, foreman, C. J. Bartholomew, J. J. Allen, G. T. Andrews, W. B. Stamper, W. F. Clark, J. H. Summerell, D. E. Ivey, Joshua Cobb, J. W. White, D. C. Fenner, Jas. Davis, L. A. Light, Gid Alston, Edw. Watson, Sam Boone, Jno. W. Dickens, and S. P. Stallings.

THE CHARGE.

Judge Meares is always clear in his charge to a grand jury, and he was no less clear and forcible in his charge Monday than usual. He made special reference to the four capital crimes in North Carolina. Murder, Arson, Rape and Burglary. These crimes were defined clearly and the duties of grand jurors were also clearly pointed out as servants of the State in bringing to justice all violators of the law, not only as regards these capital crimes, but all the criminal offences that come within the purview of the sworn duty of grand jurors.

ABOUT BURGLARY ESPECIALLY.

Judge Meares said that the death penalty for burglary furnishes more protection to the free citizens of North Carolina than any other law on the statute books. He referred to the period when the death penalty for this crime was abolished, and said the result was so appalling that the following Legislature re-enacted the law. He called special attention to this matter because he said he believed that there are many persons in the State who wish the death penalty for burglary abolished. He said it ought not to be abolished. His charge was quite comprehensive and by standers who crowded the court room had an opportunity to learn a good deal about crime and the laws against them in the State.

More good Prices.

Messrs. Balfour Dunn and B. R. Kimball sold another fine lot of tobacco at Boyd and Young's warehouse in Enfield a few days ago. One barn sold from 5 1/2 to 26 cents and brought \$126. Messrs. Dunn and Kimball were well pleased with the sales.

Liver Ills

Like biliousness, dyspepsia, headache, constipation, sour stomach, indigestion are promptly cured by Hood's Pills. They do their work easily and thoroughly.

Hood's Pills

Best after dinner pills. 25 cents. All druggists. Prepared by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. The only Pill to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

NORFOLK MARKET.

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NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 9, 1896.

COTTON STEADY.	
Good Middling.....	74
St. Middling.....	74
S. L. Middling.....	73-16
Middling.....	7
Low Middling.....	7

PEANUTS STEADY.	
Fancy.....	23
Str. Prime.....	21
Prime.....	21
Spanish.....	90 to 95
B. E. Peas per bag \$1.50.	
Rice, per bushel.....	65
Eggs per doz.....	20

Mrs. White's.

I have just returned from New York with a complete line of fall millinery in all the leading styles and am prepared to fill all orders (local or mail) promptly. I also bought direct from the factory a big line of the celebrated R. & G. CORSETS, known the world over as the best fitting corset on the market, from 50c to \$1.25.

I have secured the services of Miss Hale, from Baltimore, as my milliner for this season. I wish to thank my friends for their liberal patronage last season and solicit a continuance of same. Will announce opening next issue.

Very respectfully,
MRS. W. H. WHITE.

You Can Be Well

When your blood is pure, rich and nourishes and builds. The blood is the vital fluid, and when it is poor thin and impure you must either suffer from some distressing disease or you will fall a victim to sudden changes exposure or overwork. Keep your blood pure with Hood's Sarsaparilla and be well.

Hood's Pills are the best after-dinner pill; assist digestion, cure headache, 25 cents.

ENFIELD WAREHOUSE,

ENFIELD, N. C.,

For the sale and purchase of Leaf Tobacco,

NOW READY FOR THE 1896 CROP.

We have a good Corps of liberal buyers with orders sufficient to take, at its full market value, all tobacco that may be placed on our market. We have a commodious, well lighted and arranged WAREHOUSE for showing fine tobacco to the best possible advantage. Large orders, ample capital, long experience enables us to guarantee at all times

THE HIGHEST MARKET PRICE FOR EVERY PILE OF TOBACCO PLACED ON OUR FLOOR.

SO LOAD UP and drive straight to the Enfield Warehouse and you will make no mistake.

BURWELL & COLE, PROPRIETORS.

PRICE CUTTER of the day.

We wish to inform the trading public that we have just received a very large line of winter goods, consisting of

Glothing, Dry Goods, Notions, Boots, Shoes, Hats,

Ladies' and Gent's Furnishing Goods, Jewelry, Blankets, &c., and will offer same at rock bottom prices. Below we will quote a few of them:

Men's fine suits \$2.25. Overcoats from \$1.98 up. Men's pants from 50c up. Boys' Suits from \$2 up. Children's suits from 75c up. Men's Shoes 98c up. Ladies' and Gent's Underwear from 15c up. Hats and Caps at your own price. Ladies' fine capes from \$1 up to \$6. In dry goods we can show you a

High Grade and Sell it Cheaper For Cash Only

So come to see us before you buy and you will be surprised to see the high grade goods and to hear the low prices. Don't forget the place.

J. COHEN'S CLOTHING AND SHOE HOUSE

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WOODSIDE'S LODGE WHARF, - NORFOLK, VA.

Shell Lime, Land Plaster,

ROCKLAND LIME, CEMENT, SEWER AND WELL PIPE,

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First-class Artists to execute our work: as low prices as can possibly be made consistent with the quality of such work, and a just and liberal treatment of our patrons will constitute our claim upon the confidence and patronage of our friends and the general public. A personal inspection is cordially invited and will convince any who will so favor us of our ability to guarantee satisfaction in every particular. Write, or call on us at our office, at 402 CLAIRBORNE AVENUE, NORFOLK, VA.

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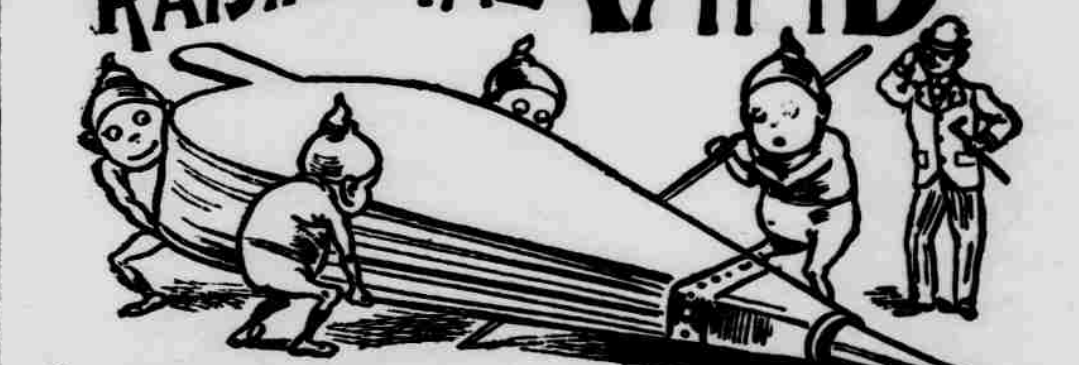
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Country Produce of Every Description Solicited. Liberal Cash Advances made on Consignments. Prompt Sales and Immediate Returns. Special Attention Paid to the Return of Empty Coops and Crates.

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